

## Client Assistance Program (CAP)--Grants to States (CFDA No. 84.161)

### I. Legislation

Section 112 of Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, P.L. 93-112 (29 U.S.C. 732) (expires September 30, 1997).

### II. Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1983	\$1,734,000	1990	\$7,901,000
1984	6,000,000	1991	8,310,000
1985	6,300,000	1992	9,141,000
1986	6,412,000	1993	9,296,000
1987	7,100,000	1994	9,547,000
1988	7,500,000	1995	9,824,000
1989	7,775,000	1996	10,119,000

### III. Analysis of Program Performance

#### A. Goals and Objectives

Client Assistance Programs (CAPs) are established and implemented as assistance programs to inform and advise clients and client applicants of all available services and benefits under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and to help any who request assistance in their relationships with projects, programs, and community rehabilitation projects providing services under this Act.

The assistance provided by CAPs includes assisting clients or client applicants in pursuing legal, administrative, or other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of their rights under the Rehabilitation Act. The program also can provide information to the public about the CAP and information on the available services under this act to any person with disabilities in the state. The CAP must provide information on available services and benefits under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to individuals with disabilities in the state, especially those who traditionally have been unserved or underserved by vocational rehabilitation programs. In providing assistance and advocacy services with respect to services under this title, a CAP may provide assistance and advocacy to facilitate the employment of the individual, including assistance and advocacy with respect to the individual's claims under Title I of the ADA, if those claims under Title I of the ADA are directly related to services that the individual is receiving or seeking under the Rehabilitation Act.

Each year there are 57 grantees, covering all of the states and territories eligible for CAP funding. In the state's application for a grant under this program, the governor designates a public or private agency in the state to conduct the state's CAP. Each state is required to have a CAP as a condition for receiving vocational rehabilitation program funds under Title I. The designated agency must be independent of any agency providing treatment, services, or rehabilitation to individuals under the Rehabilitation Act unless, prior to February 22, 1984, there was an agency in the state that directly carried out a CAP under Section 112 and received assistance under any other provision of the act.

## **B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals**

### **Services Supported**

CAPs are authorized to provide information and referral services, assistance and advocacy, including pursuing legal, administrative, and other available remedies to ensure the protection of a client's or a client applicant's rights under the Rehabilitation Act.

## **C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness**

Program indicators are under development.

## **IV. Planned Studies**

None.

## **V. Sources of Information**

Program files.

## **VI. Contacts for Further Information**

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